

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2017**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Chick Kisby, Fire Official; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Beinfest. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor announced that Patrolman Chester Brown will be sworn in as Sergeant tonight.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that the City recently sold old Public Works equipment and a 1981 Fire Truck on GovDeals a total amount of \$6,389.
2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Separation Agreement with Harold Hannum. Councilman Matik indicated that this will provide for a tax savings in the budget. Retirements are a way for the City to save money as this position will not be replaced.

5. Councilman Heun

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda confirming the promotion of Patrolman Chester Brown to the position of Sergeant.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the City of Linwood to join the County of Atlantic as a party plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the Casino Pilot Law. He explained the law and how the municipalities of Atlantic County will be paying more in taxes as a result of the law. Council President Paolone is concerned with the attorney costs associated with the lawsuit if the case is lost. Councilman Matik advised that the Atlantic County Mayor's association already voted in favor of joining the lawsuit. Council President Paolone would like to see the legal memo that was done on the case before he votes in favor of the Resolution. Further discussion ensued. Councilman Beinfest motioned to table the Resolution. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Four voted in the affirmative to table the Resolution and Councilman Matik and Councilwoman DeDomenicis voted in the negative. Motion to table was approved.
2. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution authorizing an insertion of item of revenue and appropriations for the Clean Communities Grant.
3. Councilman Matik displayed a pie chart that will be included with the tax bills reflecting the breakdown of taxes.

7. President Paolone

A. Administration

1. Council President Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda renewing the Plenary Retail Consumption License for Hwy 9 Entertainment LLC.
2. Council President Paolone reviewed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading granting municipal consent to Verizon for maintenance and servicing of their lines.

At 6:32 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk